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**Press Release: New Joey's Park Celebrates Grand Opening**

Belmont – After months of preparation and hard work from many the new Joey's Park playground at the Winn Brook Elementary School celebrated its grand opening on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Joey's Park is named after the late Joey O'Donnell, a Belmont



resident and Winn Brook Student who passed away in 1986 after a battle with cystic fibrosis. The community came together in 1989 to build the original Joey's Park, a structure that was loved by many for over 20 years. The original structure was nearing the end of its useful life due to aging equipment and safety concerns. Seeing the need, a non-profit group "The Friends of Joey's Park" came together to raise money and coordinate volunteers for the reconstruction. The new structure is built from materials that are better suited to stand the test of time. It is anticipated the new Joey's Park structure will have a lifespan considerably longer than that of the existing structure.

Demolition and site preparations for the new park have been underway for months leading up the recent construction efforts. Construction of the project was done by citizen volunteers and private businesses who came together to bring the structure to life as a part of a community build. Crews from the Town of Belmont Department of Public Works and Belmont Municipal Light Department assisted in the project. In addition, partial funding for the reconstruction came from a Community Preservation Act grant. For more information on Joey's Park or the reconstruction project visit [www.joeyspark.org](http://www.joeyspark.org)

*Photos by Bob Reardon Jr.*

